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## Wild Mustangs Need Homes in the Northeast

The U.S. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will host a Wild Horse Adoption July 28, 2001 at the Hilltop Equestrian Center in Somersworth, New Hampshire. The adoption will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will offer approximately 80 wild mustangs to people who will give them good homes. The minimum fee to take home your very own mustang is \$125. These animals are known for their hardiness, soundness, and intelligence and have excelled in a variety of disciplines, from endurance and trail riding to reining and western pleasure.

BLM's Assistant Director Henri Bisson, a Somersworth native, said, "I'm delighted that we are coming to Somersworth for the first time. This will give the people in the Northeast a chance to own a part of our American heritage. With time and patience, these young mustangs can be gentled to become loyal companions and outstanding mounts."

Before being offered for adoption, each horse is vaccinated, blood tested and dewormed. In order to qualify to adopt, you must be at least 18 years old and have an enclosed corral with a minimum area of 400 square feet (20' by 20' or larger) and an attached shelter or box stall of at least 144 square feet (12' by 12' or larger). You must also provide a stock-type trailer for transportation of their animal from the adoption facility. Divided two-horse or drop ramp trailers are not permitted. You can adopt up to four animals, and after one year, you may apply for and receive title for the animals.

BLM has adopted more than 175,000 wild horses and burros since 1973 to caring people who want to own a part of the "Old West." More information about adopting a wild horse or burro can be found on the National Wild Horse and Burro website at: [www.wildhorseandburro.blm.gov](http://www.wildhorseandburro.blm.gov), or by calling 1 (800) 293-1781.

**Directions to the Adoption:** Take I-95 North and take the Spaulding Turnpike (Routes 4 and 16) towards Dover (this will be a left exit off of I-95). Take Exit 9 from the Spaulding Turnpike which is for Somersworth-Route 9. Travel East on Route 9 for 1.3 miles. Take a right at the traffic lights, onto Stackpole Road. Travel 7/10 of a mile to the T-stop. Make a left (Green St.) and the driveway for the stables will be on the right. Look for a large green barn with white fences.

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